

**Headlines** <http://www.bristolrural.co.uk>

1. St Georges Day Outing and the May Day Outing Posters
2. The Branch Striking Competition
3. Association AGM Maismore Gloucester.
4. Mag Graupner a senior ringer in the branch.

### Farcited Ringing 1st Thursday

A reminder that the first Thursday in April falls in Holy Week, so there will be no Far-Cited .

### Branch Ringing Branch Practice

28th April

Mangotsfield 19.00 - 21.00



### Association AGM 21st April

Maismore Information circulated to all email contacts



### Penn and Croome Trophies at Quedgely and Moreton Valence

Chipping Sodbury Ringing  
3rd Friday 19.30 - 21.00

### Annual Return 2012



All the returns were in by the first week in April only one tower missed the end of March!

**Well done everyone.**

However the bad news is we will be collecting for 2013 in October as agreed at the 2011 AGM.



### St Georges Day Outing Monday 23rd April

WARMLEY 10.00-10.45 8 (T)

ABSON 11.00- 12.00 6

Building work permitting morning coffee

LUNCH 12.15-13.45 TBA

At Pucklechurch

DYRHAM 14.00-15.00 6

SYSTON 15.15 - 16.30 6 (T)

Afternoon tea

IRON ACTON 16.45-17.30 6

FRAMPTON 17.45-18.45 6 (T)  
(T) Toilet

### The Branch Striking Competition Cromhall

Holding our striking competition out of branch goes from strength to



Taking Tea

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strength! This year we had eight separate towers enter, although a number of ringers rang for more than one tower! The afternoon started well with the weather fine but cloudy. Before the competition we elected four new association members, three from Mangotsfield and one from Westerleigh this brings the branch membership to one hundred and seventy two the highest number for some years! The draw took place at 14.30 and our ringing master soon had the first team to ring under way. The judge Ray Haines from Midsomer Norton was ensconced in his car in the adjacent farm-yard with his wife as his assistant. Tea and cake was available all afternoon, donations came to £28.50 and were given to Cromhall. With eight teams entering the time went by too quickly to have any scratch teams this year. Whilst the afternoons weather started fine during the competition the heavens opened. with rain and hail! The final

team rang, the judge deliberated and gave the results, this year Frampton Cotterell were the overall winners. Well done to the teams who entered they were all presented with a certificate for ringing this afternoon. Thank-you to those who provide the tea and the cake and all of you who came along and supported the afternoon.

Pictures of the competition can be seen on the branch web site.

The third in an occasional series of articles on the senior members in the branch produced by our press officer **Sue Liebow**



### **Introducing Marjorie (Mag) Graupner**

Mag, as she is known in ringing circles, is a member of Abson Tower, and can be found most Wednesday mornings up in the ringing room, filling time between rings doing a crossword. Mag and her husband Ken celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012, with communication from the Queen, dinner with their family and a quarter peal at Abson.

### **Tell me about your early life**

Mag was evacuated to Chichester with her twin sister, Olive, during the War, and was bombed out at one of her temporary homes, during this time her home in London was bombed, while her parents were visiting her. She recalled hearing bells for the first time after the War Silence, and her interest then in learning to ring, but the opportunity did not arise till many years later. Mag achieved a degree in Mathematics at University in London, where she met Ken who was studying for a Chemistry PhD, at a separate College. Ken eventually moved to England at the age of 11, with his 8 year old brother, supported by the Jewish soci-

ety. His brother now lives in Canada and his sisters in Germany.

### **When did you move to the Bristol area?**

Mag and Ken moved to Bristol in 1955, for Ken's job at the Smelting Works in Avonmouth, as a Research Chemist. They moved into their current home in Stoke Lodge, where they brought up their 3 children. They also have 5 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild. Mag put her Maths degree to good use and taught in the Bristol area, once her home commitments reduced. Their daughter also teaches Maths. Mag was active in local Tennis and Badminton Clubs.

Their sons attended The Cathedral School, where she and Ken were active members of the Parents Choir. Their oldest son was introduced to handbell ringing there and both her sons later rang tower bells. Her youngest son who lives in America has a private ring in his garage, with his nearest bells being a 3 hour drive away. Mag was keen to learn to ring when her sons did, but they told her she was "too old", we know differently. Mag was taught to ring when she re-

tired from teaching, at Almondsbury by Don Haskins (who is on my hit list to be interviewed soon!!)

### **Tell me about life since retirement**

Mag and Ken have served as a Local Lib Dem Councillors. Mag is a member of the committee at Patchway Library. Along with weekly Tai Chi sessions, Mag also attends a monthly U3A meeting on Astronomy, Hewlett Packard Lectures and she told me she had taken up painting again after 71 years.

It has been a privilege for me to interview Mag, and I can assure you she has many more interesting stories to tell. My thanks go to Clare Jefferis and Bill Liebow for their support with this article.

### **Sue Liebow**

Rural Branch Press Officer

If you are reading this newsletter in the tower you can actually receive it at home by email!

If you let me have your email address I will send it to you on the publication date which is the fourth Saturday of the month, the branch practice day. Send your email address to the email address at the bottom of the page.

### **Branch Event Posters**

**Find with the newsletter posters for the St Georges Day day out in the branch and the May Day outing to Somerset.**

**The Menu for the St Georges day outing will be emailed to all email contacts after publication of this newsletter.**

**Tower correspondents please display in your tower**

### **Just a final request!**

**If you see something incorrect in the newsletter do please let me know.**

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# Bristol Rural Branch

## May Day Outing 2012



## Monday 7th May

9:30	10:30	Woolavington	BVM	8	10-2-4
11:00	12:00	Bridgwater	S. Mary	8	25-1-11
12:15	1:00	North Petherton	SMV	6	19-0-23
1:00	2:15	<i>Lunch (please make your own arrangements)</i>			
2:15	3:15	West Monkton	S. Augustine	8	17-3-12
3:30	4:15	Lyng	S. Bartholomew	6	15-3-9
4:30	5:30	North Curry	Ss. Peter & Paul	8	16-3-24
5:45	6:30	Creech St Michael	S. Michael	6	14

(Please note that towers and ringing times may change.)

Tower fees will be announced and collected on the day

*And just in case you're wondering, there's no coach :-). Sorry, you have to provide your own transport.*

Organiser: Stephen Crane; Tel: 0117 958 4008 For information on day of outing call 07810 466867



COME AND JOIN



**BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH  
'ST. GEORGES' DAY'  
RINGING TOUR**

**DO JUST ONE TOWER OR DO  
THEM ALL**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

<b>WARMLEY</b>	10.00 to 10.45	T
<b>ABSON</b>	11.00 to 12.00 inc. morning coffee	
<b>LUNCH (Pucklechurch)</b>	12.15 to 13.45 at the Fleur de Lys	T
<b>DYRHAM</b>	14.00 to 14.45	
<b>SYSTON</b>	15.00 to 16.30 inc. afternoon tea	T
<b>IRON ACTON</b>	16.45 to 17.30	
<b>FRAMPTON COTTERELL</b>	17.45 to 18.30	T

ANYONE WITH ENERGY STILL TO SPARE IS WELCOME TO JOIN PRACTICES  
AT

WAPLEY, PUCKLECHURCH, FRENCHAY, COALPIT HEATH, BITTON OR  
ALMONDSBURY

AT 19.30

T = toilet facilities at or near by